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SUBJECT: VAN ELSLANDE ON COPENHAGEN MEETING OF EC FONMINS.

1 ACCORDING TO "LA LIBRE BELGIQUE" OF JULY 25, FON MIN VAN
ELSLANDE HAS COMMENTED POSITIVELY ON COPENHAGEN MEETING OF EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS, NOTING AGREEMENTS REACHED ON NEED ULTIMATELY
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PREPARE POINTS TO BE ADDRESSED WITH PRESIDENT NIXON DURING THE

PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EUROPE LATER THIS YEAR.

2. HOWEVER, AFTER STATING TO ASSEMBLED JOURNALISTS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WAS EXPECTED (OFFICIALEMENT PREVUE) ABOUT NOVEMBER 15, VAN ELSLANDE REGRETTEED THAT DECISIONS WERE NOT REACHED AT COPENHAGEN ON MAIN TOPICS TO SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID DAVIGNON COMMITTEE WAS NOW CHARGED WITH PREPARING A LIST OF MAJOR TOPICS FOR THE "NIXON-EEC CONVERSATION" TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SEPTEMBER 10-11, AND CHANCES WERE STRONG THAT SECURITY PROBLEMS WOULD BE AMONG THEM.

3. VAN ELSLANDE REMARKED THAT BILATERAL TALKS ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, BUT HE SAID THAT "THE EEC WILL BE REPRESENTED IN ANY CASE BY A SINGLE SPOKESMAN." HE SAID THE MINISTERS HAD AGREED THAT THE EC COUNTRIES WOULD KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED CONCERNING BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE US IN ORDER TO FOLLOW PRAGMATICALLY THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN THINKING ON EUROPEAN MATTERS.
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